



Department President  
Debra Godwin

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON**

**2021-2022**

**Department Convention  
Aloha Post 104  
Aloha, OR**

**BOOK OF REPORTS**

# **Department President**

## **Book of reports**

### **Convention 2021/2022**

What a year we have had. Membership is on the upswing. New members signing up. In person meetings taking place, and events happening. The determination, and dedication that Team Oregon has shown to keep us moving forward, truly shows.

From my first visit to the Central Oregon's Veteran's Village, to our visit with the National President, Kathy Daudistel, I have learned so much. My dedication and love of the American Legion Auxiliary has grown. I can't wait to learn more.

Units are starting to come alive, working programs, getting out in their communities, and most of all, working our mission.

I was able to travel to Eastern, and Central Oregon, realizing that we really have small units in those areas, but can honestly say they are mighty units. They are working side by side with all families in their post's. Making a difference in their communities. The support I have received from the units in my travels has been so heartfelt. Every where I went, I felt welcomed and at home. Listening to the planning, organizing and learning taking place in the meetings proved to me that we all belong to the greatest organization in the world. Working for our Veterans.

So, I would like to say to Team Oregon, Thank you for one of the best years of my life. Thank you for showing me more of what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication, and most of all thank you for supporting me wherever I went on this amazing journey of the Department President. Let's continue to grow and work our Mission and programs. Stay safe and healthy my Team Oregon, we have work to do.

I never had the chance to serve our country, but now I serve my veteran's!

Debra Godwin  
Department of Oregon  
ALA President  
2021/2022

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**Cindy Soria  
Vice President/Membership**

*I want to thank each and every one of you for allowing me to be your Vice-President and Membership chairman. The year started a little slow but you got the momentum going and it has been non stop. THANK YOU for all your hard work. Our theme was the ALA 100 and what a race it has been. In August I attended the bulletin training at department. It was a great refresher. In October we had our 1<sup>st</sup> DEC at Aloha. As you remember I was dressed in a race suit and waving the checkered flag when entering the meeting. We discussed incentives and standings. In November I made President Debra's Christmas Book. It was presented to her by Gea Clauser at the department Christmas party. I was not able to attend due to my husband having surgery. President Debra was thrilled with her book. Thank you to everyone that donated a monetary gift. In December we had a zoom call with department to draw for the unit that made it to 100% membership by 12/31/2021. The winner was Carl B. Fenton Unit 20 receiving \$100 dollars. The Join 5 award went to Hillsboro Unit 6 receiving \$50. October 13<sup>th</sup> I attended Williams Unit 50 meeting installing their officers. January 29<sup>th</sup> I attended Mission Training in Las Vegas. It was a great informative seminar. I would encourage everyone to attend one. March 16<sup>th</sup> I attended Williams Unit 50 ceremony to present them their charter. President Debra, NEC Krisann Owens, Donna Hartwell and myself were there to welcome them to the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon. Also on March I made phone calls to units that had not made 70% in membership as of January 2022. I wanted to see how I can help them. March 19<sup>th</sup> I attend the District 5 Round-up for the purpose of announcing the candidates for President and Vice-President 2022-2023. My letter was read by Ginny Williams District President. On April 2-3, I attended our spring DEC in Burns. It was a well attended meeting. April 30 to May 3 I attend DNLC in Indianapolis, Indiana. We met incoming state and national candidates. We Discussed how to bring members back amongst other varies topics. May 14<sup>th</sup> I attended District 3 caucus in Lebanon where I announced my candidacy for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership for 22-23. On May 15<sup>th</sup> I then attended McMinnville Caucus where I talked about the successful year in membership we have had. I discussed my candidacy for 22-23 should I be re-elected. After the caucus meeting I went with President Debra, NEC Krisann Owens, Ginny Williams to pick up our National President Kathy Daudistel at the Portland Airport. It was an awesome visit with her and we welcome her back anytime. May 30<sup>th</sup> I attend my home post Memorial ceremony in Cave Junction. I offered poppies to the people who attended. On June 4<sup>th</sup> I attended Roseburg District 9 caucus. Again I talked about our successful year and how I would like the opportunity to continue as Vice President-*

*Membership. We do this together. As of 5/31/2022 we have 2 goal districts, 23 goal units and we are 101 memberships from being a goal department. We have 51 days to get the job done. The race is still on. It has been a busy year and I am ready to continue this awesome chairmanship if I should be elected.*

*Let's have a great convention and thank you President Debra for an awesome year.*

## **District 1 Book of Reports**

What a fabulous year for District 1! After all the downtime due to COVID, the district has made huge steps toward returning to some sort of normal. Here are the highlights from our year...

Our units have been able to start holding regular meetings again, which has helped members to regain the comradery that is so needed to have a healthy Auxiliary. We've also been working on retaining our current members, getting previous members to rejoin, and recruiting new members, which has given our district the honor of reaching goal!

To get into our communities, a few units were able to participate in parades, which helps with our visibility. The vehicles had Legion family branding, and the members who participated handed out flags and threw candy. It was also an opportunity to partner with youth, as Boy Scouts were present with our Legion families in the parades. We also helped support our local law enforcement members. A unit held a fundraiser for a deceased police officer's family, while another unit provided lunches to local officers.

District 1 helped with outreach during the Indy Car event at Portland International Raceway. The main topics of emphasis were membership and suicide prevention. Members staffed the booth and talked with visitors about the Legion family and what we do. This was a chance to meet more people, thank veterans for their service, and let everyone know how they can help with our efforts to support veterans and their communities.

Assisting youth in our district is an important part of our programs. To show we support our youth and to help with their needs, many units held school supply drives. To aid youth in acquiring a better understanding of Americanism, we had them assist with placing flags to honor veterans, and they sang patriotic songs at dinner events. Holiday parties were also held for children in the community, with Christmas presents being provided to many households, including Oregon National Guard members.

Our district members have made a commitment to serving our veterans. One way we accomplished this was to serve meals to our veterans. Some units had weekly meals while others held special meals around the holidays. There were dinners to honor WWII veterans, Vietnam veterans, and a dinner to honor all veterans. We also helped our veterans by doing yardwork and housework.

Another way to get into our communities was to help staff the booth at the Oregon Air Show in Hillsboro. Our district members talked with people from all over the state, including Northern Oregon, otherwise known as Washington. We were able to assist these people by answering questions about the Legion family, gave them information on how to join, and provided them with contact information for Posts/Units in their area.

District 1 promoted poppies many times throughout the year, including Veterans Day and Memorial Day. Our units used many methods to help raise funds this year, including working a table at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall, local grocery stores, a table at the Hillsboro Air Show, and even at campgrounds while camping! The veterans in Oregon will benefit from all the funds raised this year.

District 1 has had a very productive year, and we look forward to an even better year in 2022-2023.

Respectfully submitted,  
Catherine Brockmann  
District 1 President



## DISTRICT 2 BOOK OF REPORTS

DALLAS UNIT #20 - Have not heard anything from Dallas Unit. They take their correspondence to Cindy at Department. Cindy let me know that they had taken their Installation report in.

MCMINNVILLE UNIT #21 - We continue working with all the families during prime dinner nights. Battle of the Branches breakfast had not been done for a couple of years. Two were held in March and two in April the overall winner who raised the most money was the Navy. In all these breakfast Auxiliary helped whether it was collecting the money. Being in charge of selling raffle tickets helping prep the night before or clean up. Everyone had a great time. We have been also involved with celebrations of life for a few of our Beloved Members they will be missed dearly.

In May we presented Willamina School with a \$1,000 harbor freight gift card. They have a trade school they were very excited in receiving this. A lot of the students in the trade school were female.

We also had a breakfast and dinner for the National President Kathy. It was the first time we have had a National President at Post 21. It was also the first time we have had four Auxiliary presidents National President Kathy, Dept. President Debra District President Gregoria and Unit 21 President Glenna all at the same time in Post 21. Kathy was very delightful down to earth lady very knowledgeable we were honored to have her company enjoyed her visit immensely.

We had a blood drive for the first time it went well. Sweeney pub from Dallas Oregon asked unit 21 auxiliary if we could be their first stop on a poker run on May 28th. It was the 6th annual poker run for them. We had 55 motorcycles go through post 21. Some came and stayed to eat our delicious food that is served daily. Auxiliary members Darla Gregory Glenna Smith and Becky Berweger handed them the cards. It was a fun time had by all.

Memorial Day is all about giving honor and respect to all our fallen soldiers and those still serving. Possession starts at Post 21 members of Post 21 Families gather there. We started out and Amity then went to the Dayton Honor Wall then we headed to

Yamhill Carlton Cemetery from there we headed to Christian academy where there is over 5,000 flags that represent a life of a fallen soldier from all wars. We went passed a house that had a lot of flags in their yard belongs to a WW11 95year Veteran he was so excited we were riding by there just for him he was waving to all passing by. From there we went back to Post 21 where we had a barbecue going. Auxiliary provided desserts and side dishes to go with the hot dogs and hamburgers that were being done they're at the post. After everyone was done eating, we did the honor ceremony for all our fallen Veterans from the Post. Commander Juan palacios asked Auxiliary President Gregoria Hernandez to read off all the names as he rang the bell, we also included our Auxiliary members names of those that had passed as well. Then each of the families read a poem or prayer then the Honor Guard did the volley and Taps was played. Really an emotional day. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

Auxiliary group had a Cinco de Mayo dinner PIC was Gregoria her daughter Michelle helped prepare the meal and our Auxiliary did a great job serving and then we all cleaned up. Great group effort went very well everybody loved the food.

Working hard on membership striving to get 100% goal. We finally got 100% goal thank you Commander Juan Palacios for helping us with membership. Continue to still work hard on membership.

National poppy day May 27th with our Commander Juan Palacios and Angel Mendoza helped make the arrangements for Auxiliary to have a table and chairs so they could distribute poppies at Evergreen Museum. We also gave all the kids wristbands with poppies on them they love them.

NEWBERG UNIT #57 - District 2 President came to install our 2022-2023 new officers.

SHERIDAN UNIT #75 - Community Service: Membership were at the Red Cross blood drive every other month helping with the drives collection. We worked in the canteen and registration. One of our members belongs to a gleaner's group. They go out to farmers fields and picks produce. The farmer gets the credit for that, and we get the produce. We take the produce to the food bank, Veterans and to the community. We gave 15 Veterans from Sheridan Care Homes a Christmas gift with quilt \$339.spent on this. Community open house March 26 2022 opened the hall and shared ALA Unit 75 history with the community. They have been mentioned five times in the media.

MT ANGEL UNIT #89 - Unit 89, Mt. Angel, had a busy Spring. We just finished our hanging basket flower sale right before Mother's Day and also included selling succulents and cacti this year. Our Unit had a beautiful quilt, Patriotic Pattern donated by the daughter of a former WWII Post Member and are selling raffle tickets for it to be drawn at the end of the July 4th Parade in town. There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at the local cemetery to honor our fallen Veteran heroes. The Post and Unit will put out flags on the graves of deceased Veterans at the local 5 cemeteries and afterwards, we will host a luncheon at the Legion Hall. For our new slate of officers, the same slate was kept for 2022-2023. The Post had new electric lights installed on our first floor and the Unit will donate an amount to be decided at our June meeting to help

with that expense. All members are looking forward to our new year and the possibility of recruiting new members.

Aurora Unit #110 - We are meeting as usual. On Memorial Day we handed out poppies at Bi Mart. Auxiliary co built a ramp in the back We are getting ready for Aurora Colony Days. We will be serving breakfast. Planning on sending two girls to Girl State one is from North Marion.

Salem Unit #136 - They keep busy sewing.

Carlton Unit #173 - Corned beef and cabbage feed did prepping and deserts. Put Flags out for Easter and Presidents Day. Memorial Day barbeque two day event. Put Flags out for Mother's Day. Put Flags in two cemeteries. Community involvement out to get coffee met with Veterans.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY  
GREGORIA HERNANDEZ  
DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT



**DISTRICT #3**  
**Book of Reports**  
**End of Year May-2022**

District 3 held their last District meeting in Newport. There was quite a few attending even with the wind and rain. It is always nice to get together and see what all the Units are doing. Caucus will be held in Lebanon at Post 51 on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

All the units in District 3 have been busy providing for our Veterans while working every day on membership.

At the time of this report, we have one goal unit.

**Unit #10** Auxiliary members operate Club 10 to help with Post expenses. Meals are provided for the Veterans. Holiday meals are provided for the Veterans and families. A food pantry is available for all families that need some assistance. The sewing group is always busy at the Post as well as at home.

Donations of pillows, quilts and Afghan's are distributed to many agencies as well as the Veterans.

Three Senior girls were nominated for Outstanding Senior awards. The Unit awarded two \$500.00 scholarships to students from East Linn Christian Academy and Central Linn High.

They are also taking a huge task assisting the Post family with making sure the Veterans Day Parade happens.

They have worked very hard on membership as well.

**Unit #51** The Auxiliary has been busy helping with meals for the Veterans. Collecting pull tabs and bottles for the school programs. The Unit works with many community projects. The sewing group is still active. They were unable to have the Bazaar this year but hope to continue with it next year. They work closely with the Post family. The Harvest Ball was a large event they worked to help with invitations and refreshments. They have mailed out Poppies to each member.

**Unit #59** The unit may be small but keep busy providing breakfast for the Veterans The unit provides rides to medical appointments, provide pet sitting when necessary. Two volunteers provide help with rehab and PT. The sewing group makes caps and blankets for the Neonatal unit. They provide help to the community during Rhodie Days and Veterans parade.

**Unit #32** Cottage Grove has worked on membership, most of the year was giving support to the Post family to get the Post repaired so they can meet at the Post.

**Unit #184** Wonderful services are provided to the Community, Children and Youth and especially Veterans. Many hours are spent on making quilts which are gifted to a Veteran. Time is donated to Halloween Haunted house and community egg hunt. The unit works with meals on Wheels, Senior Center, and the Brownsville Museum. Meals are provided to many veterans. Many hours are spent just making sure our Veterans needs are met.

**Unit #83** North Eugene Santa Clara made goal!

Even with a couple of short shutdowns this Unit has stayed busy with the Post family to support community and Veterans with the drive thru fund raisers. Once a month they host a joint family breakfast with all profits going to support VA hospitals, Veterans homes, Oregon Transplant Unit, and other Veteran's needs.

Since most of their fundraisers are outside, they gave the yard a face lift showing they are proud to be a part of the community.

Fund raisers are held once a month to support one of the community projects- Special Olympics, Food for Lane County, Meals on Wheels, and Red Cross to name a few. They were able to have the annual yard sale and outdoor Bingo for school supply donations.

All items gathered for the Stand Down (cancelled) was donated to Egan Warming Center and St Vinnies. Trunk and Treat were held at Halloween. The Riders even decorated their bikes.

Thirteen boxes were filled with cookies (120 dozen cookies) and snacks for the deployed military, Juniors made cards and pocket flags.

Instead of food baskets and gifts the Unit decided to give gift cards. The cards went to St Vinnies transitional housing for Veterans and eleven families with twenty-four children. The Juniors send gifts to each of the lady Veterans at the Lebanon Veterans home. The Unit was also able to help a family that needed assistance with utilities with a \$100.00 gift card and a tree. Gas cards have been provided for Veterans.

Thank you to all the Unit members in District 3 for giving me encouragement and support this term.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Peebler  
District 3 President  
Department of Oregon

**District 4**  
**Year End Book of Reports**  
**Donna Hartwell District President**

First of all, I am proud to say that four out of our six Units have made goal for the year. Congratulations to those Units.

I had the Honor at Assisting giving Williams Unit # 50 their Charter. They were the first to make goal. They have been having monthly meetings. They had a wreath making event and bought items and donated them to the VA SORCC in White City.

They also have been helping the Legion, with many volunteer hours at remodeling their Post.

No report from Unit #28

Glenn Morrison Unit #70 has had some meetings and held a Veterans Day Bingo.

Malin Unit # 84 has had a zoom meeting and did Girl State. They will be the host for our District picnic meeting in August.

Klamath Falls Unit # 8 has had a couple of meetings and doing bingo.

Medford Unit #15 have been holding monthly meetings. They have been doing some different things.

I member donated \$100 to the American Legion Baseball foundation. They donated money to the Coats for Kids. Items were bought and donated for the Veterans Gift Shop at the VA SORCC. One member has volunteered 550 Hours at the VA and also over 80 hours helping Veterans in her neighborhood. Two members did hand out back packs and school supplies in two different cities.

Sorry for the short report.

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DONNA HARTWELL DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT

2022 Convention June 22nd thru 25th  
Aloha, Oregon

District 5

Thank You to all the wonderful people of ALA for all your support for the last 5 1/2 months. I know I have been a bit of a grouch sometimes and just crying.

Some units in District 5 are struggling, we have several Units that we will be working with to get back on board, The last 2 years have been hard on everyone.

Unit 4 is now holding in person meetings and doing great. Yvonne and Denny with Unit 4 and Post 4 Hosted a dinner for the National President when she was in Bend. Wonderful dinner and great company. We also visited our President's project in Bend, WOW what a place for our veterans to start a new life. Thank you Yvonne for all of your help.

Unit 45 hosted a dinner for the National President and again we had a great time. Thank you Denise Mitchell for setting this up.

Unit 29 held a luncheon for the family of Roxann Stringer who passed away on April 23, she will be missed by us all. Her Luncheon was held on the 27 of May. Helen and I went to her service and spoke, it was very nice.

While the National President was in Oregon we took her to the Evergreen Air Museum, then went to the Department for lunch and a good visit. Thank you all for the lunch. Then back to McMinnville for a great dinner. Thank you for your hospitality. on Tuesday we traveled to Lebanon for lunch (we didn't get to visit the Veterans Home in Lebanon). Then traveled to Bend. Our driver Kevin Owens made a stop in Sisters for Ice Cream what a treat. Then on to the Motel. Wednesday after we visited the President Project we had lunch at Cracker Barrel, we headed to the Dessert Museum, what a great and interesting place to visit. Then on to La Pine and more ice cream. Thursday morning we went to the Redmond Airport so the National President could go for another visit, She is fun, and down to earth and I can't remember when I have laughed so hard and long. There was our driver NEC Kevin, Department President Debra, Vice President Cindy, NEC Krisann, Department Commander Don and myself that traveled with Kathy our National President. Hope she has a wonderful last few months of her President's year. I know we all were so lucky to meet her and have her visit.

Ginny (Virginia) Williams  
District 5 President

**CONVENTION 2022 DISTRICT 6 DEC BOOK OF REPORT**  
**JUNE 25, 2022**  
**BY MAGGIE LA MONT, DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT**

It has been a difficult year in trying to access Unit meetings. In July I was able to attend the Hermiston Unit #37 meeting and presented them their goal ribbon for their flag and a check for \$75 for the Membership Award. In July I was able to attend the Milton-Freewater Unit # 24 meeting and installed officers for the coming year. As a member of the La Grande Unit #43, I serve on their Executive Board and attend their meetings where I gave reports on the District 6 meetings. As the District meeting are only scheduled after DEC's, I corresponded with the Units by email.

Listed below are a summary of the Units activities for the Year:

- Athena Unit #130 were able to have 2 meetings in the fall before the furnace in the Legion Hall went out.
- Lone Unit #95 was able to start meeting in September. They had a beef auction, refinished the Legion Hall floor, held a craft bazaar, replaced the lighting in the Legion Hall, and held a Legion Birthday dinner.
- George St. Denis Unit #140 held a meeting in May and only Tessie and one other member showed up. I received a call from Tessie asking for a phone number. It looks like it may be time to call a meeting to discuss the future of their Unit.
- Hermiston Unit #37 was able to meet all year long. Their Unit was busy with activities. They had held dinners, participated in the Veteran's Day Parade, supported the "Fish'n The Brave" tournament, present a Quilt of Valor to their Post Commander before he passed, sold tickets for a beef raffle, had an initiation ceremony, decorated Christmas cookies for Veterans, helped with a high school assembly with noted Veteran speakers, and provided a Birthday Cake for the Legion Birthday.
- La Grande Unit #43 met during the summer and had dinners and potlucks. Their activities included a Golf for a Vet tournament, a bazaar, a Veteran's Day lunch free to all Veterans, held a Post Family Christmas Party, helped the Post by purchasing a new refrigerator, paid half of the purchase of an ice machine, for Operation Homefront they picked up toys from the Dollar Tree and took them to the Armory, donated items to the Armory for a kids Christmas party, assisted a National Guard Father who needed to provide Christmas for his children, and provided household item to homeless veterans moving into permanent housing,
- Milton-Freewater Unit #24 was able to meet all year. They have monthly potlucks, had their annual yard sale with proceeds to go to providing scholarships which they provided to high school seniors, helped a Veteran with 1 night lodging, engaged with Blue Mountain Action Council to help with Veterans and their families who are homeless, and celebrated the Legion 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday.

The Fall District 6 meeting was held in La Grande with VP Mary Ward leading the meeting as I was out of town. A Convention report and DEC notes were provided. La Grande Unit 43 Members were in attendance. The District 6 positions of Secretary, Catie Johnson and Chaplain, Margaret Wetterling were appointed.

The Winter District 6 Meeting was held in Mission hosted by George St. Denis Post 140. I attended by telephone. Notes from the Winter DEC were review. It was pointed out that updated the Unit's Bylaws were important. It was discussed how to reach out to other organizations to increase membership.

The District 6 Spring Meeting and Caucus met in Baker City. 2021-2022 Department President and 2022-2023 Candidate Debra Godwin attended the meeting. District 6 officers Maggie Lamont and Catie Johnson were in attendance. Notes from the Spring DEC meeting were reviewed. In the Caucus meeting Maggie LaMont was nominated as President and Mary Ward as nominated as Vice President for the 2022/2023 year. Support letters of Vice President Candidates Cindy Soria and Catherine Brockman had been emailed with the Agenda and there were no questions.

**District 8  
President Trudie Mcgriff  
Year End Report**

I'm very PROUD of the members of District 8 with all they have done. We have two goal Units who like all units worked hard on getting their membership in and beyond. Every Unit worked hard on getting members to join plus new ones. Wonderful job District 8 on y'all's hard work.

**Service for Veterans/Military**

Total hours members volunteered: 4,212. Total dollars spent \$3,427. Total number of veterans/military assisted 675. Value of in-kind donations received \$5,916. Number of poppies or poppy items distributed 375. Dollars raised from poppies \$1,018.

**ALA Service for Military Families**

Total hours members volunteered 3,583. Total dollars spent \$1,106. Number of military families served 275.

**ALA Service for Youth**

Total hours for other Legion Family youth activities 93. Dollars spent on goods for youth activities \$4,765. All other Unit expenses [ parties, dinners, paper goods, trophies] \$100. Total number of children/youth served 496.

**Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Community**

Total number of hours 482. Total dollars spent \$170.

**Scholarships Presented/Award by Our Units**

Number of unit scholarships presented/awarded 1.

I do want to take a moment and give a shout out to the Units had have stepped up and worked hard with our homeless veterans at WyEast Homeless Shelter and lunch for WWI and WWII and all other veterans once a month. Then the ones who donated goodies for the Home in the Dalles and camp Withycombe. Then there is a lot of help to Fort Kennedy. I take my hat off to everyone that helps our veterans as these Units have. PROUD, PROUD.

I'll take this time to say what a wonder it was to work with each and every member of each Units in this great District. We are a family and support all that we can for one another. Please keep up the hard work next year and let's show this Department of Oregon what we are made of.

Trudie Mcgriff very happy District 8 President

**American Legion Auxiliary  
District 9  
Book of Reports—June 2022**

It has been a busy year for everyone. Volunteering, helping veterans, friends and families, doing what we do the best with a smile on our faces. We have passed out poppies throughout our communities. We have cleaned up our communities on Earth day. We have honored our veterans with our memorial ceremonies, parades and other various activities. It has been a pleasure to be your District President.

For God & Country  
Frankie Trask  
District #9



**District 10**  
**2021-2022 Year-End Book of Reports**  
**Linda Schmidt, District President**

Another year of District 10's activities towards 'The Accomplishment of the Aims and Purposes of the American Legion' is now on the books. In the midst of still dealing with aftershocks of the COVID pandemic, we may have been slowed down a smidgeon, but we are still out there serving our veterans, our youth, our communities, and last but by no means least, our great organization.

District 10 Units reported pretty amazing Year-End Impact Reports for the past 12 months which are as follows; these have already been reported in more detail on the District's quarterly Book of Reports over the past 2021-2022 year:

1. Our ALA Service for Veterans/Active Duty/Reserve Military:

Throughout the past year, reports included activities such as several donations to (SORCC) White City, The Dalles Veterans Home, Crossroads Ranch (future veteran mental health location), hotel lodgings for homeless veterans, lost cemetery veteran graves located/stones acquired and more cemetery area approved for veteran use/area improvements being made, holiday gifts and treats for veterans & active-duty, dinners for veterans & active-duty, and SHIBA (insurance) veteran assistance, to name a few.

**2,656 hours \$6,298 spent 548 assisted \$1,894 In-Kind donations**

Donations from poppies are still being collected at the time of this report, \$2,119 so far.

2. Our ALA Service for Military Families:

Ontario Unit's National Guard, Prairie City's donations to military.

**451 hours \$895 spent 92+ military families served**

3. Our ALA Service for Youth:

This covers reporting for school dictionaries, Americanism Essays, school supplies, school sports equipment, Scouts for school leadership, Trunk or Treat, Oratorical assistance, and Trees of Joy.

**213 hours \$2,187 spent \$250 direct aid \$75 child charities Approx. 642 youth**

4. Our Service Representing the ALA in Our Communities:

For most Units this is our widest area of activities. Throughout the past year Units reported work in areas such as yard sales, blood drives, contributions to First Responders, Senior Center entrée sponsors/servers/food pantry workers/Board members, funeral dinners, work with Chamber of Commerce such as city clean-ups, human trafficking advocacy, Welcome Baskets, recycling, SHIBA counselor, several local and nationwide charity supporters, community calendar work, elderly neighborhood support, several acts of kindness.

**1,746 hours \$5,017 spent Countless served**

District 10 was delighted to host the April Spring DEC in Burns. Our Caucus was held in May in Ontario, and we were honored to have Department President Debra Godwin attend. Both the current District President and Vice-President did not wish to be nominated for the positions of District President and Vice President again; unfortunately, no nominations were sent in to Department for the upcoming 2022-2023 year.

**Year End Report 2021 - 2022**  
**AEF Department of Oregon**

We started our year with a bulletin sent to all Units in Oregon in the Fall, with information about the AEF program, ideas and Awards.

I received Year end reports from 10 Units. A couple Units reported that they had donation jars for AEF. One in their Post Lounge and they took in a little change of \$15.00 and the other Unit collected change at each Unit meeting, they collected \$67.10, and they held a no bake bake sale and earned \$55.00 for a total donation of \$122.10.

Two Units reported that they shared information with members at Unit meetings. A Unit reported sending an annual donation of \$100.00 to Department and National. They send it each year and mentioned that a member had received a grant from AEF a couple years ago so they understand how important this program is.

Another Unit sold Poppy Bracelets and earned \$100.00, they donated to the AEF program.

In total our Units contributed \$337.00 and I know we all looking forward to a better next year.

Respectfully Submitted

AEF Chairman  
Department of Oregon  
Margie DeMoss

**AMERICANISM REPORT**  
**DONNA HARTWELL CHAIRMAN**  
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I want to say thanks for allowing me to be the Chairman for the year. It definitely has been a different year, with National changing things up. They wanted pictures on Facebook.

My focus was on Flag Etiquette and on the Americanism Essay. I didn't receive a whole lot of year end reports. I received 18 Americanism Essays from Piercing Arrow Private School. Thank you, Louis Larson Unit #68.

First Place winner Class 1 goes to Miles Peterson.

First Place Class II and Department of Oregon winner goes to Scarlett Harris.

First Place Class III winner goes to Lillian Krotzer.

No entry for Class IV.

First Place Class V winner is lolaus Krotzer

No entry for Maxine Bigalow, PNP Award.

R. Marie Martin Award goes to North Eugene Santa Clara Unit # 83

There were 140 Americanism volunteers

130 pocket flags were distributed

1184 hours were reported

\$3563.85 was raised and donated to Americanism Projects

Again, thanks for this opportunity as Chairman.

Remember there is something Good out there and is Worth Fighting For,  
Americanism is worth telling a story about.

Donna Hartwell Chairman  
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**CHILDREN AND YOUTH  
YEAR-END REPORT  
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Angelina McKinney, Chairman  
Department of Oregon**

This year's we had twelve Units turn in year-end reports. They spent over \$15,500.00 to make their projects work for this program. They gave over 850 volunteer hours to see their planned program through. They served 1,875 children in their areas with their various projects they worked for Children and Youth.

We had five Units that reported of the projects that they did that involved Halloween, Christmas and Easter. A couple of Units had drive-by Halloween parties. One Unit went to a near by school and had the parents drive through the parking lot and handed out over 100 treat bags to the children. Another Unit had cars decorated and all the adults dressed in costumes. They called it Trunk and Treats. They had the cars lined up in front of their Post with their trunks facing the street. The parents drove up and the children reached into the trunks and took their treats. They gave out over a hundred pounds of candy and small gifts to over 400 children for Halloween.

For Christmas one Unit decorated a special needs bus and filled it with gifts and treats and candy bars that had \$5.00 gift certificates to Dairy Queen attached to them for the children from kindergarten to senior in high school. They even gave them 16 blankets for their wheelchairs. Another Unit purchased over \$4,000.00 worth of toys and miscellaneous items for the children of deployed soldiers at Camp Withcombe for Christmas. A third Unit received a call that 11 Veterans families needed help with Christmas and they stepped in to help 24 children have a Christmas. They gave them \$100.00 gift cards for each of them so they could shop for the gifts for their families. Their Juniors adopted 17 Veterans from Transitional Housing giving each one a \$25.00 gift card. They also gave \$100.00 towards postage to send troop boxes. They made pocket flags and baked 125 dozen cookies to go, into the troop boxes. A fourth Unit gave \$750.00 to their local Family Affairs Director of the Army National Guard to purchase Christmas gifts for children of military families in need.

For Easter one Unit held a Easter Party with an Easter Egg Hunt and a Easter egg dyeing station and served snacks for the children. Another Unit did a drive thru Easter Basket party at a local school and gave out 110 filled Easter Baskets. Several other Units held Easter egg hunts and gave out prizes.

Several Units held drives for school supplies for the children in their area, so they would have new supplies for school. One of the Units repeated this project in January so the children would have supplies in case they had used up their

supplies. Only this time they also added socks and underwear for the children. Various Units gave \$600.00 to the Children Miracle Network, \$200.00 to a local Santa Mall, worked with Shriners Children's Hospital, helped supervise a La Crosse team, worked with Boys and Girls Scouts troops in their areas. They handed out 80 library books as treats at Halloween. They gave dictionaries to third grade students. Held classes to teach their youth about our country. This Unit even helped the youth in their area with essays for the Americanism Essay contest They also helped them to make Poppy Posters to turn in. They donated to the March of Dimes to help children with birth defects. They gave clothes to the local Abused Women and Children's Shelter. They held Flag Retirement Ceremonies and used Eagle Scouts to help them. They had 24 scouts present to perform the duties of retiring over 400 flags in an incinerator that an Eagle Scout had made as his project to earn his Eagle Scout badge.

The Units spoke about both the Youth Hero/Good Deeds Awards and I reminded them in every report that I gave but no one reported on giving any awards out.

My favorite project a Unit did was with COVID and everything closed down including schools, they held a graduation party for their local high school. They provided the venue for the party, served their favorite foods, had games, a picture booth, gift drawings and live music. They had the students decorate their cars and had an approved route and held a parade that followed the festivities. They had approximately 200 students in attendance. What a wonderful way to show appreciation for these children who were denied a prom and graduation ceremony due to COVID.

As you can see the Department of Oregon really took to heart working hard to take care of the Children and Youth in our state. The Units came up with some pretty unique ways to work projects to support our Children and Youth with COVID being a threat. I'm very proud of the Units in Oregon and all the work they have done to promote Children and Youth this year.

## **Constitution and By-laws**

Many units have updated their governing documents this year and several are working on them. I wish to commend you on the job you are doing. As I have said this is a thankless job but a particularly important job. Our documents are living documents ones that can change every few years. If you continue to review them on a regular basis the job is not so challenging.

This year at the National convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the delegates will be voting on a dues increase. If this passes, you will need to review and update your documents if necessary to accommodate this increase.

I personally want to thank you for reviewing your documents and submitting them to me. You have done a terrific job.

Pam Seelye,

Department Constitution and By-laws Chairman

## **EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP YEAR END REPORT 20201-2022**

**Edna C. Redhead, Chair**

This year, applications for the Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship were submitted on-line directly to National. Two applications were sent to me for judging. Although both met all the requirements only one was forwarded to Division for further judging. The application that was forwarded was for Charla Mayo from Milwaukie Unit #180.

There were no applications received for the Spirit of Youth for Junior Members, Non-Traditional Student, or Junior Member Loyalty scholarships.

One application for the ALA Department of Oregon Scholarship was received. Charla Mayo (Milwaukie Unit #180) met all the requirements and is the winner of this scholarship. Her application/information was forwarded to Department.

The COVID-19 pandemic, again caused many traditional events to be cancelled. However, Units were still able to do some things to make a difference in their communities.

Fourteen Units submitted year-end reports. Six Units reported that they had no activity. Eight Units reported activities that included: reading stories to classrooms during National Education Week; helping individual students with their reading skills; a junior member has been mentoring 5 students throughout the year (180 hours so far this year); donating to junior member school; collecting box tops for education; classroom mentoring and reading programs (150+ hours); participated in National Guard Outreach Programs (5 times for \$500 and 5 hours); recognizing the Outstanding Senior Girl at five local area high schools as nominated by school teachers and counselors; and coats were purchased for elementary students in need.

Scholarship applications were provided to High Schools and Christian Schools. Notices of scholarship availability were published in local newspapers and Unit newsletters. One unit awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a graduating senior girl; one unit awarded a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior girl who is a member of a military family; another unit provided a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior; and another Unit raised \$600 towards their scholarship fund.

Senior Awards Night ceremony will be Virtual (for at least one unit this year). That Unit Scholarship Chair provided a narrative regarding the ALA and a description of their scholarship recipient.

Donations were made to the ALA Scholarship Fund (\$750); National President's Scholarship Fund ((\$225); and Girl's State (\$600).

One unit acknowledged a local teacher for being named an "Amazing Educator – 2022" by giving her a certificate and \$100 to purchase art supplies for her classroom.

Several units participated in American Legion Education Programs by supporting oratorical contest participants; one Unit participated in Department Oratorical contest and tabulated judges scores; sending \$50 to the Salvation Army for school supplies; and through VA&R to Veterans home.

Units participated in the "Give 10 to Education" program with more than \$1,100 of materials. Backpacks and school supplies (notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, crayons, colored pencils, scissors, glue sticks, rulers, reams of computer paper) were given to schools as well as to community organizations serving needy children.

5/25/22



## **Department Historian Book of Reports**

**June 2022**

**Geanne Horne**

Well, the time has come. We are at the end of the year. It is hard to believe it is time to do the judging.

I did ask that you send pictures to me via hard copy (with no return) at **600 N Juniper St Canby, OR 97013** Notice updated address or email to me at [geehorne@gmail.com](mailto:geehorne@gmail.com) (HORNE)

of visits that the Department President, Debra Godwin does to your Unit or with you on a project. Thank you to all the Units who did.

I received a total of 7 Units, of those 7 Units 4 reported they had nothing to share. But in fact, you did, you reported and that is what matters. Thank you to Units 180, 150, 106 & 77. This is still reporting whether you had anything or not. Thank you very much.

The remaining 3 units will be read and judged with awards given at convention 2022.

I thank Madam President for my appointment and our membership for their leadership and participation.

Sincerely, Geanne Horne

Department Historian

**Leadership - Department of Oregon**  
**Year End Report 2021-2022**

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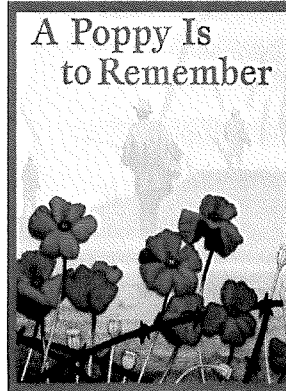
Congratulations to N. Eugene-Santa Clara unit #83 for having the best report for the Patty Cooper DP Award. Excellent report, thank you for sending it.

Thank you also to Milwaukie #180 for sending a written report (via email). There were two units that sent "No Activities" La Grande #43 and Bend #4, via email.

Everyone is a Leader. If you give directions on where to find something in the grocery store, THAT IS LEADERSHIP.

Email is such an easy way to send a report to the chairmen, even if it is no activity. Department chairmen have to write a report to National and it's sad that only 2 applicants did.

PLEASE REPORT. Thank you, Madam President, for this chairmanship. I apologies for not inspiring the Units/Members.



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American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Oregon

Dianne Standing- Department Poppy Chairman

The reports I have received are very impressive, most of the Units have ordered more Poppies this year than last year. All the Units are excited for this year, since a lot of the Covid restrictions have been lifted. We have had many Units setting up in front of their local retailers. Units have placed cans in local businesses and many of our Units have set up at their local farmers markets. It makes a big difference if the auxiliary has a Veteran with them while distributing the poppies. Decorations, corsages, stickers on lollipops and coloring books were on display while distributing the poppies. Many Units distributed Poppies on Veterans Day. This past year we have had Auxiliary and Legion members go to the Lincoln City Outlets and distribute poppies both on Veterans and Memorial Day. Many Units have stuffed envelopes with their newsletters and poppies with a stamped envelope inside so if they would like to donate.

Most Units have given out certificates or some sort of gift to everyone and all the businesses who had participated in the distribution of the poppies. We had one Unit do the Proclamation letter signed by their mayor. We have convention coming up June 22-25, we will be doing a Poppy Hat Parade, a table will be set up for the Poppy Displays made by the Units and I will put out all the Poppy Posters I received, for all to see the incredible work these young people have done. I will also put a can on our table for donations so we can help our Auxiliary President Debra raise money for her project which is helping homeless and suicidal Veterans.

I received 22 posters from Lori Sherman, from students at her school Piercing Arrow Private School. Poster Winners are:

- Class I Jersey Gellatly
- Class II Hailey Hepler
- Class III Ethan Alvarado
- Class IV Jaxson Watson
- Class V Iolous Krotzer

Please stop by our Poppy Display table at Convention to see all the amazing Poppy Posters that entered the Poppy Poster Contest.

Reports turned in from:

- District 8 Milwaukee 180 (Judy Craig / Patty Webb) (Proclamation letter signed by their mayor)
- District 5 Unit 4 (Yvonne Drury)
- District 4 Unit 70 (Cindy Soria)
- District 6 Unit 43 (Margy Tucker)
- District 1 Unit 2 (Dianne Standing)
- I had 4 Verbal reports from (Aloha, Seaside, Hillsboro, and Canyon Beach)

At our last DEC meeting I shared how I wanted our Poppy Program to go through the whole year not just at Veterans and Memorial Day. There are so many things we could do through the holidays, in the Veterans homes and nursing homes. Trees, wreaths, ornaments, and cards is just a small list of what we can do. I also want to travel to the different Units to talk more about the Poppy Program and how we can connect with more of our Veterans. I am still a work in progress, but I have such a passion for our Veterans and the work that needs to be done to help them. I feel I have so much more I would like to do here in the state of Oregon. Thank you, President Debra for this opportunity to serve our Veterans.

Sincerely,

Dianne Standing

Poppy Chairman

**Public Relations Department of Oregon**  
**Revised Year-End Report 2021 – 2022**

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With nearly all units shut down for Covid-19, it has been difficult for many of them to remain in the focus of the general public. A very few Units have remained open with takeout dining to serve the members and community, but have not been able to have a public presence with most events cancelled.

I sent two emails to Department, mid-year and year-end, asking that they be forwarded to all the Unit Presidents to share with their PR chairs and report to me of their activities. As a Unit President, I did not receive the forwarded email, nor did I receive any responses from Units regarding their activities.

I have received year-end reports from eight Units reporting their activity, or inactivity this year.

**Harney County Unit #63** - Unit #63 reports that they have not accessed the ALA Member Portal, they do not have a website or Facebook page. They have been mentioned in local media twice this year, but have not sent out any PSA's this year. They do have a good media contact list. They do not plan on submitting entries for any PR awards.

Regarding Goals of the Centennial Strategic Plan, they report:

1) We brand a lot in apparel, including during monthly yard sales; 2) We have a large Auxiliary sign attached to the softball building facing the highway; 3) We are a member with the local Chamber of Commerce, new this year; and 4) We produce a community business-sponsored calendar (our third year).

**Hillsboro, Unit #6** - Reports that they had no activities regarding Public Relations this year.

**Stevens-Chute Unit #4, Bend** - Unit #4 has a business FB page combined with the Post. A monthly newsletter is posted on FB, as well as sent out via email to 200-300 Post 4 Legionnaires, Unit 4 Auxiliary members, District and Department officers, and any interested parties and potential members.

Almost zero coverage with local media, as we have been told by The Bulletin in Bend that our news is not relevant to the general public. Will not apply for Unit PR Award.

Unit #4 sponsored four Red Cross Blood Drives in this ALA year, exceeding our blood drive goal each time, and receiving some public exposure through Red Cross media and our participating in registering the donors. We also placed a table with ALA information at the registration area, and we held drawings from the donors names of US Flags certified that they had been flown over the US Capitol.

Stevens-Chute Post 4 and Auxiliary do not have a physical post, so we are limited in our types of activities, but we continue to put ourselves out there when the opportunity arises. We work closely with the family services director at our local Army National Guard, and supply emergency funds for veterans and families when needed.

**North Eugene Santa Clara Unit #83** - Unit #83 has a website and a Facebook page. They have appeared in local media for every drive-thru event they held. They submitted 12 PSA's for publication, and produce a newsletter and use a community billboard. They report 388 hours spent on Public Relations efforts. They have submitted an entry for Unit Public Relations Award.

**Milwaukie Unit 180** – has not accessed the ALA Member Portal, nor do they have a website or Facebook page (which they hope to have established soon). They have had no mentions in local media, submitted no PSA's, and have no updated media list. They will not submit for ALA PR awards, and have not specifically done work toward Goals of the Centennial Strategic Plan.

**LaGrande Unit #43** – has remained active and involved in their community this year. They have accessed the ALA Member Portal, maintain a Facebook page, and have been mentioned in local media 6 times, have submitted no PSA's, and maintain an updated media list. They have submitted an entry for Unit Public Relations Award. Centennial Strategic Plan, branding, advertising their activities, birthday celebration for the Post.

**Albany Unit #10** – Reports that they do their best to communicate within the Albany and other local communities for activities and events sponsored by the Unit, accomplished with PSA's and press releases in local newspapers and Facebook blasts. COVID put a dent in Unit programs and volunteer activities, and they are looking forward to expanding print and social media markets in the next year. They will not apply for Unit PR Award this year.

**McMinnville Unit #21** - Unit #21, our Department President's home Unit, has worked hard this year keeping the word out about ALA with a heavy presence on social media – 30-40 postings to 227 followers. They have had several interviews and photos for print media, run a Facebook page, and publish a Post Family Newsletter. They have applied for a PR Award.

Again, we hope for COVID to be out of our lives, and American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon can get back more actively to working our mission for our veterans, their families and community.

For God and Country,

*Yvonne*

Yvonne Drury, Chr.



Dept. of Oregon

## 2021 -2022 VA&R End of Year Report

Auxiliary Units in Department of Oregon had a very productive year, despite the challenges of the recent pandemic. Though the usual access to most of the VA Hospitals and Veterans Homes for volunteers were limited it was so nice to read reports from Units with what they were able to provide for our Military families and our Veterans.

Those Units that reported showed a variety of accomplishments in assisting our Veterans and their families. Those activities included:

- Assisting the National Guard Family Assistance Program
- Poppy proceeds were dedicated to the new Central Oregon Veterans Village
- Creating Quilts of Valor and presenting them to Veterans
- Holding National Vietnam War Veteran's Day events
- Setting out flags on Veterans Day
- Shopping for Military families for Christmas
- Creating quilts, neck pillows, and ditty bags for the Veterans Homes in Lebanon and Portland
- Provide free haircuts to homeless Veterans
- Provide Christmas gift to Camp Withycomb for deployed troops
- Assisting the Activity Director at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles by providing entertainment for them on Valentine's Day
- Holding Annual Community Flag Retirement Ceremony to teach proper way to dispose of our National Flag to the community and school district
- Working with the Oregon Vet Center to provide monthly lunches to WWII/Korean War/POW Veterans

- Provide gift cards to Family Services at Oregon National Guard in Bend, OR for Christmas gifts and food
- Units working with Veterans Transitional Shelters by providing monthly dinners, hygiene bags, socks, afghans and neck pillows
- Providing emergency gift cards for gas or food for Veterans and National Guard
- Provide free lunches to Veterans on Veteran's Day
- Operation Gratitude Troop for comfort items going to deployed soldiers
- Provide household items to homeless Veterans moving into LaGrande Veteran's Village
- Assisted Fort Kennedy with sock and underwear drive
- Provided items for Christmas stockings to be sent to OR National Guard Troops deployed in Poland
- Assisting Veterans by providing transportation to Dr. appointments, shopping, and assistance at home.

Dept. of Oregon members volunteered over 5100 hours and 400 volunteers. Units reported their VA &R programs spending:

- \$22,151.00 – General assistance to Veterans
- \$16,400.00 – In-kind donations
- \$17,862.00 – Donations to Veterans Homes and VA Hospital
- \$700.00 – National Programs

Units can also share their activities by posting them on the American Legion Auxiliary VA&R Facebook page. It is a place to not only share your story but to learn from other Units, as well.

Our Units working with their Legion family dedicated to making a difference every day in the lives of our Military and our Veterans. Thank you for all your effort.

Submitted by: Marie Larson

Dept. of Oregon VA&R Chairperson